### ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

#### SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

# SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

# TOWN OF DERRY,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1878.

MANCHESTER, N. H.: JOHN B. CLARKE, PRINTER. 1878.

#### University of New Hampshire Library



# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The taxes	assess	sed fo	r the	year	18	77 are	as fo	llows:	
State tax	•					\$2,060	00		
County tax						2,242	08		
School tax r	equire	d by l	law			1,802	50		
Tax on dogs						117	00		
Non-resident	highy	vay ta	ax			204	21		
Town tax	•					1,500	00		
Per cent allo	wed b	y law	adde	$^{\mathrm{ed}}$	٠.	324	10		
			•					\$8,249	89

### RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1877.

Amount of cash in treasury, March		•
1, 1877	\$3,195	61
Cash received from town clerk for		
dog licenses	38	92
Savings-bank tax from state treasu-		
rer	1,931	89
Railroad tax from state treasurer .	419	54
Literary fund from state treasurer.	132	87
Cash from county of Rockingham .	197	55
Cash received for use of town hall.	6	00
Cash from J. R. Clark, error in ac-		
count		50

Cash from collector, list of 1876 . 1,686 00	
Cash from collector, list of 1877 . 7,034 17	
Cash from collector, interest on taxes 22 20	
Cash from James Webster, hired for	
use of town 1,000 00	
<del></del>	
* ***	
EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1877.	
EATENDITURES FOR THE TEAR 1077.	
STATE TAX.	
WHILI IMA.	
Paid state tax \$2,060 00	

#### COUNTY TAX.

Paid county tax		• *	•	•	\$2,242 08
-----------------	--	-----	---	---	------------

#### SCHOOLS.

Paid District No. 1				390 66		
2				$400 \ 00$		
3				104 05		
4	•			177 14		
5				101 44		
. 6				89 00		
.7				212 18		
. 8				$250 \ 31$		
9		•		155 20		
10				36 66		
11			•	194 34		
12			•	<b>1</b> 18 06		
4 in	Saler	n.	•	12.25		
7 in	Ches	ter	•	774	••••	
					\$2,249	03

#### SNOW PATHS.

Paid Geo. W. Evans for 1876		\$8	<b>1</b> 3
Edward F. Evans for 1876		8	28
Robert H. Clarke for 1876		19	67
Edward L. Jones for 1876		82	69
Ezra E. Rogers for 1876		83	46
Tappan R. Robie for 1876		44	70
Richard R. Rand for 1876		71	64
George K. Whitney for 1876		13	57
William H. Jones for 1876		54	62
Joshua G. Hubbard for 1876		63	80
Henry S. Wheeler for 1876		33	40
Edward G. Shute for 1876		48	94
Alonzo W. Kimball for 1876		37	41
Joseph White for 1876 .		11	20
Alpheus B. Beede for 1876		7	90
William M. Senter for 1876		14	77
Milliard F. Milltimore for 187	6	147	86
Mark F. Hill for 1876 .		60	00
Horace A. Hill for 1876		112	24
Joshua G. Hubbard for 1876		3	85
Orlando B. George for 1876		16	85
George W. Davis for 1876		5	00
Benjamin P. Rice for 1876		5	25
J. W. Drew for 1876 .		19	50
Geo. W. Davis for 1876.		1	00
John Kelsey for 1876 .		23	10
John L. Fletcher for 1876		26	50
George W. Pinkerton for 187	6	71	65
John Scott for 1876 .	:	16	72
Alvin J. Seavey for 1876		26	60
George W. Eastman for 1876		5	50
Nathaniel H. Brown for 1876		16	80
John P. Whidden for 1876		46	00

George Taylor for 1876 .	15 22		
Joshua Morse for 1876 .	46 55		
Horace A. Hill for 1876	8 60		
Sewall Floyd for 1876 .	6 90		
Charles B. Carr for 1876	1 62		
Charles A. Holden for 1876	54		
William Merrifield for 1876	51 80		
Ezra E. Rogers for 1876	2-90		
James Reed for 1876 .	23 80		
George Taylor for 1876 .	$11 \ 21$		
Joseph Montgomery for 1876	56 03		
Hiram Sargent for 1876.	$20 \ 00$		
Gayton O. Reynolds for 1876	4 50		
Lyman George for 1876.	3 35		
•		\$1,461	62

#### MAINTENANCE OF POOR.

Paid James H. Eaton for N. S.	
Sheldon	\$32 00
Joseph Klien, wood for Jane	
Humphrey	6 90
Kate L. Reynolds, care of Geo.	
Alexander	$75 \ 00$
Chas. B. Sargent, rent of house	
for J. W. Towns	15 00
Moses S. Pingree, wood for J.	
W. Towns	4 00
David S. Clark, medical attend-	
ance on J. W. Towns .	14 00
Joseph W. Bean, wood for Jane	
Humphrey	10.09
Joseph W. Bean, wood for Dolly	
J. Emmerson	8 56

Frank W. Parker, goods for J.

Frank W. Larker, goods for J.			
W. Towns	10	00	
Frank W. Parker, goods for			*
Dolly J. Emmerson	10	00	
Frank W. Parker, goods for			
Misses Corning	1	88	
Joseph W. Bean, wood for			
Misses Corning	4	00	
Charles Adams, coffin for Eliza-			
beth Meek	14	00	
Frank D. Pollard, care of Geo.			
W. Hoyt	156	00	
`			\$361 43
ROADS AND BRII	OGES.		
Paid Edward L. Jones, work at			
Adams' mill bridge, April,			
1877	\$6	08	
Tappan R. Robie, overwork in	,,		
District No. 11	31	55	
Mark F. Hill, overwork		15	3
Lyman George, overwork in			
1876	17	$60^{'}$	
Osborn D. Couch, labor and			
materials	31	00	
John Drew, overwork	20	00	
James F. Coburn, work at			,
Horne's mill	6	25	
Joshua G. Hubbard, overwork	20	17	
Richard R. Rand, overwork .	9	08	
Henry S. Wheeler, overwork .		30	
James H. Crombie, land damage	20		
. Matthew & Couch, spikes and			
nails	1	83	

Alvin J. Chase, labor near E.	
Morrill's	7 50
· Benjamin Huston, labor	5 90
Seneca Pettee, powder, fuse,&c.	2 50
Alvin J. Seavey, labor near E.	
Morrill's	1 02
John F. Baker, labor and ma-	
terials near E. Morrill's .	6 80
James E. Morrill, labor and ma-	
terials near E. Morrill's .	6 83
George I. Choate, labor and	
materials near E. Morrill's .	40 92
George I. Choate, labor and	
materials near E. Morrill's .	<b>11</b> 29
Benjamin Wilson, poles for rail-	
ing near E. Morrill's	$3 \ 25$
Moses S. Pingree, posts for rail-	
ing near E. Morrill's	1 44
John F. Baker, labor near E.	
Morrill's	$2 \ 50$
Robert T. Chase, labor near E.	
Morrill's	1 87
George W. Dickey, labor near	
E. Morrill's	1 95
George I. Choate, overwork .	$2 \ 50$
Albert H. Lowe, work near	
Bodwell's	25 60
James Reed, labor and materi-	
als, 1876	10 12
John Scott, overwork	9 75
Tappan R. Robie, Fordway	
Bridge	10 00
George Moore, plank and labor	9 50
George W. Head, overwork .	15 00
Cummings W. True, overwork	$14 \ 44$

Horne Brothers, plank Fordway		
Bridge 31 92		
George W. McKenney, cutting		
bushes 1 50		
E. G. Haynes, sewer-pipe . 23 00		
Thomas P. Major, posts 2 40		
Benjamin Barker, overwork . 13 75		
Joshua G. Hubbard, overwork 17 50		
Henry F. Herrick, labor and		
materials		
	\$468	38
NON DESIDENT HIGHWAY TAY DECEN	OTIC	
NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY-TAX RECEIR	: 10.	
Paid Charles E. Rand \$9 48		
George I. Choate 16 00		
Edward L. Jones 6 30		
Otis A. Drew 9 10		
Joseph W. Bean 5 30		
Joseph Montgomery 1 83		
Henry F. Herrick 4 70		
Gayton O. Reynolds 175 75		
Gayton O. Reynolds	\$228	46
	#	
TOWN OFFICERS.		
Paid Isaiah A. Dustin, auditor . \$2 00		
Joshua G. Hubbard, balance,		
services as selectman, 1876. 6 00		
Isaac H. Jones, constable . 7 00		
Nathaniel H. Brown, moderator 7 50		
——————————————————————————————————————		
Gayton O. Reynolds, collector,		
1876 25 00		

Gayton O. Reynolds, collector,		
1877	$120 \ 00$	
Gayton O. Reynolds, balance,		
services as selectman, 1876.	$20 \ 00$	
John E. Webster, balance, ser-		
vices, 1876	7 00	
Frank W. Parker, town clerk.	20 00	
Robert H. Clarke, treasurer .	$25 \ 00$	1
George Moore, selectman, 1877	$61 \ 25$	
John E. Webster, selectman,		
1877	$102 \ 00$	
Joseph R. Clark, selectman,		
1877	$125 \ 47$	
		\$573 22
GRAVE-YARD.		
Olta v E-1 Alt.D.		
Paid George Richards, sexton .	\$75 00	
Frank W. Parker, one shovel .	1 00	
George W. Bachelder, tolling		
bell	2 50	<b>* * 0 * 0</b>
		\$78 50
ABATEMENTS.		
Paid Gayton O. Reynolds on list of		
1876	\$61 52	
Gayton O. Reynolds on list of		
1877	$52\ 46$	
Francis H. Clement on list of		
1875-6	3 39	
		\$127 37

#### BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

BOOKS AND STATIO	NEKY.		
Paid Temple & Farrington Charles Bartlett, printing tax	\$26 28		
bills	3 00	*	
Hammon Reed, printing town			
reports	76 20		
Frank W. Parker, postal cards	28		
	-	\$105	76
· .			
NOTES AND INTER	REST.		
Paid Jane E. N. Clendennin, in-			
terest	\$50 00		
Samuel Newell, interest	55 00		
James Newell, interest	418 34		
Sarah E. Whidden, interest .	7 83		
George Warner, interest .	50 00		
Martha G. Sleeper, bond and			
interest	1,060 00	<b>***</b> 2.44	4 100
		\$1,641	16
<del></del> .			
LOCK-UP.			1
Paid George Richards, 167 tramps	\$62 64		
Frank W. Parker, pail and bolts	62		
, <b>,</b>		\$63	26
TOWN HOUSE	•		
Paid George Boynton, for finishing upper hall at town house and repairing plastering in	\$71 OO		
lower hall	\$71 00	_	

Frank W. Parker, oil, brooms,		
etc	3 83	
Robert H. Clarke, repairing		
windows	1 00	
Austin G. Merrill, wood, 1 cord	2 75	
George Richards, care of town		
house for one year	15 00	
House for one year.		\$93 58
LIBRARY.		
Paid George Boynton, fitting up		
rooms	\$280 21	
Barton & Co., matting	29 25	
Carlos N. Cutler, stove, etc	8 72	•
Harry H. Taylor, laying mat-		
ting, etc	6 18	
Temple & Farrington, curtains	ŭ <b>L</b> -	
and fixtures . *	3 25	
Frank W. Parker, zinc, nails, etc.	1 12	
George Priest, express on mat-		
ting	40	
David S. Clark, expense to	-~	
Boston	3 10	
Doane & Greenough, blank-book	11 50	
James C. Taylor, blank-book.	8 25	
Charles Bartlett, book labels	<b>3 2</b> 3	
and cards	10 20	
Frank W. Parker, blank-books,		•
etc.	3 32	
Benjamin Chase, jr., labor and		
materials	24 40	
materials		\$389 90

#### BOUNTIES.

200212220			
Paid Royal S. Hunt, bounty on ten			
foxes	\$5	00	
Charles Bachelder, bounty on			
one fox		50	
George Moore, bounty on two			
foxes and three hawks .	1	60	
			<b>\$7</b> 10
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Paid Joshua Morse, time and expen-			
ses to Exeter on Kehoe case	\$5	50	
Henry E. Eastman, ringing bell	25	00	
Gayton O. Reynolds, time and			
expenses on Kehoe case .	5	00	
Osborn Merrill, damage to			
sleigh	8	00	
Joseph R. Clark, paid Briggs			
& Huse for legal advice .	<b>2</b>	00	
George Boynton, tables for			
town hall	11	00	
Joseph R. Clark, posts for town			
hall	3	80	
Geo. I. Choate, road hearing .	4	00 -	
Joshua Morse, ringing bell .	50	00	
Henry E. Eastman, grading at			
town house	2	`75	
Leander E. Hardy, allowance			
for bridge	$^2$	00	
John E. Webster, taking E.			
Maria Rowell to county farm	5	00	
77 1: 77 70 1 11 1			

Frank W. Parker, blanks, etc.,

3 93

dog-license

Frank W. Parker, padlock for		
pound		25
Joseph R. Clark, expenses to	4	
Concord	4	50
William Clark, sheriff's fees on		
N. & R. R. R. case	13	42
Joseph R. Clark, settle with		
county commissioners	4	50
Isaiah A. Dustin, money over-		
paid on list of 1866, school-		
house tax	15	00
Lorenzo Chase, one yearling,		
killed by dogs, 1876	<b>1</b> 6	00
John Baker, two sheep, killed		
by dogs, 1876	9	00
William C. Palmer, two sheep,		
killed by dogs, 1876	10	00
Samuel Clarke, one sheep, killed		
by dogs, 1876	6	00
H. B. Burnham, examination		
of Mrs. Almira Wilkinson .	5	00
Aaron F. Stevens, bill of costs		
in case, N. & R. R. R. v.		
Town of Derry	147	69
Greenleaf C. Bartlett, services		
on Kehoe case	46	00
Greenleaf C. Bartlett, services		
on railroad case	95	00
Greenleaf C. Bartlett, services		
with selectmen on Folsom	_	0.0
road	5	00
Greenleaf C. Bartlett, legal ser-	=	ΛΛ
vices		00 59
Isaiah A. Dustin, sheriff's fees	2	υŋ
Jonathan C. Sanders, watering-	e	00
place, for three years	v	UU

William O. Noyes, watering-		
place	3 00	
Cross & Burnham, legal advice	$5 \ 00$	
-		\$526 93
TRUST FUNDS.		
Paid Benjamin Barker, removing	•	
stones from highways	\$1 50	
James Taylor, removing stones		
from highways	6 00	
Alvin J. Chase, removing stones		
from highways	7 50	
William Hart, removing stones		
from highways	1 50	
Isaac H. Jones, removing stones		
from highways	3 00	
Benjamin Huston, removing		
stones from highways	7 50	
Geo. W. McKinney, removing	,	
stones from highways	7 50	
Albert H. Lowe, removing		
stones from highways	3 00	
David G. Greene, removing		
stones from highways	1 50	
John Scott, removing stones	_ 0	
from highways	6 75	
Sewall Floyd, removing stones	0 10	
from highways	7 50	
Amos Chase, removing stones	, 00	
from highways	1 50	
George E. Kimball, removing	1 00	
stones from highways	1 50	
Luther C. Stevens, removing	1 00	
stones from highways	75	
somes nom manays.		\$57 00
	·	

		5	SUM	MARY	ζ.			
State tax						\$2,060	00	
County tax						2,242		
Schools.						2,249		
Snow paths						1,461		
Maintenance						361		
Roads and br	idges	0				468	38	
Non-resident	high	way-t	ax r	eceipt	s	228	46	
Town officers	_					573	22	
Grave-yard						78	50	
Abatements						127	37	
Books and sta	atione	ery				105	76	
Notes and int	erest					1,641	17	
Lock-up						63	26	
Town-house						93	58	
Library.						389	90	
Bounties				•		7	10	
Miscellaneous	3					526	93	
Trust funds						57	00	
							<b>\$12,734</b>	79
		-			_			
GAY	TON	0.	REY	NOL	DS.	Colli	ECTOR.	
					,			
To balance un	مالم	otod :	to v oa	list o	· f		Dr.	
1876	100116		-	mst (		\$1,686	00	
amount of	tov li	ist of		•	• (	91,000 8 940		

#### amount of tax-list of 1877. . 8,249 89 - \$9,935 89 Cr. By amount paid treasurer, list of 1876 . . . . . . \$1,686 00 amount paid treasurer, list of 18777,034 17 amount uncollected on list of 1,215 72 1877\$9,935 89

#### BALANCE-SHEET.

Town of Derry	Dr.	
To amount of funded debt	\$1,000	00
amount of notes payable		
amount of interest due March 1,		
1878	105	00
amount due school district No. 2	83	12
amount due school district No. 6	10	98
amount due school district No. 4		
in Hampstead	11	68
amount due James H. Eaton .	20	00
amount due outstanding orders.	17	32
amount due trust funds	1,000	
		<b>\$12,448 10</b>
		Cr.
By amount of uncollected taxes, .		
amount of trust funds	1,000	00
amount of cash in hands of se-		
lectmen	1	50
amount due from Daniel Mc-		·
Gregor for brick	6	63
amount due from J. L. Cunning-		
ham	_	76
amount of cash in treasury .		
Balance, amount of town debt	7,242	
		<b></b> \$12,448 10

The foregoing is a correct statement of the financial affairs of the town, at the close of the financial year, 1877.

The vote passed at the last annual meeting, instructing the selectmen to finish the basement of the town house, has not been complied with for this reason: The selectmen were of the opinion that the town had no legal right to appropriate, nor the selectmen to expend, money for said purpose, which opinion was sustained by the following:

#### To the Selectmen of Derry:

Gentlemen,— On an examination of the article in your warrant, and the vote thereon, as copied on the other side of this paper, together with the information communicated to me by Mr. J. R. Clark, I am of the opinion the selectmen would have no legal authority to finish up the basement of the building within named, in pursuance of the vote at your annual meeting.

J. F. BRIGGS.

April 19, 1877.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. WEBSTER, JOSEPH R. CLARK, GEORGE MOORE, Selectmen of Derry.

Derry, March 1, 1878.

Derry, March 1, 1878.

I hereby certify that I have carefully examined the accounts as presented by the selectmen. I find them correctly cast and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

CHARLES C. JOHNSON,

Auditor.

# ROBERT H. CLARKE, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF DERRY.

•		Dr.
March, 1877, cash in treasury	. \$3,195	61
Dr. Brown's legacy	. 500	00
Mrs. Nowell's legacy	. 500	00
To cash from state treasurer,	sav-	
ings-bank tax	. • 1,931	89

To cash from state treasurer,	rail-	
road tax	. 419	54
Literary fund	. 132	87
From county treasurer	. 197	55
Interest on Dr. Brown's legacy	. 30	00
Received of town clerk, dog-lice	nses 38	92
Received of selectmen		00
Interest on taxes	,	20
Balance of collector's list for 18	376 . <b>1,6</b> 86	00
Received on collector's list for	,	
	,	<b>\$16,693</b> 75
		Cr.
By paid orders of selectmen .	. \$12,717	47
Dr. Brown's legacy	. 500	00
Mrs. Nowell's legacy	. 500	00
Cash in treasury	. 2,976	3 28
		<b>\$16,693</b> 75

#### ROBERT H. CLARKE,

Treasurer.

I have examined the treasurer's account, and find the same correctly east, and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

CHARLES C. JOHNSON,

DERRY, March 1, 1878.

Auditor.

#### TRUST FUNDS.

Town of Derry.	Dr.
To amount of Sylvanus Brown leg-	
acy \$500 00 amount of interest on same for	
1877 30 00	

amount of interest on same for 1876 30 0	<b>\$560 00</b>
By note of G. C. Bartlett \$500 0 paid for removing stones from the highways and watering-	Cr.
places 57 0	=
Balance due, unpaid 3 0	90 \$560 00
· ·	
Town of Derry.	Dr.
To amount of Parmelia Nowell legacy \$500 0	00
amount of interest on same at 5	
per cent	25 - \$546 25
	Cr.
By cash in Derry Savings Bank .	\$500 00
Town of Derry.	Dr.
Feb. 28, 1878, To amount of Harriet	
Taylor legacy	\$1,000 00
	Cr.
By amount of bills for books, receipted \$773 5	58·
amount of James C. Taylor's	
note	£2 - \$1,000 00

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT OF FLANNEL ACCOUNT.

Feb. 23, 1878, amount received by trustees	$\mathbf{for}$		
year 1877, to be expended for flanuel		\$200 00	
Amount expended		403 90	į
No. of yards distributed		$1459 \\ 1$	7
No. of persons receiving the same .		131	



#### SCHOOL REPORT.

The school committee respectfully submits the following report to the citizens of Derry:

#### DISTRICT No. 1.

The summer and fall terms were taught by Miss Fannie M. Webster. Correct deportment and prompt recitations showed earnest and well-directed work on the part of both teacher and scholars.

The third term of this school was under the efficient management of Mr. Joseph W. Bean. The discipline was excellent. The recitations showed the result of thorough drill.

#### DISTRICT No. 2.

Miss Lucinda T. Carlton has taught this school during the year. Miss Carlton has worked faithfully and with good results. Her pupils are much attached to her, which makes it an easy task to govern them. The scholars show much interest in their work and have made commendable progress. The winter term is not finished at this date.

#### DISTRICT No. 3.

This school has been under the care of Miss Anna F. Choate. This was Miss Choate's first experience as a

teacher. Under her instruction the scholars made fair progress. The order during the first term was not up to the standard, but an improvement was noticeable during the second term.

#### DISTRICT No. 4.

Miss Fannie A. Moody taught the summer term in this district. She worked hard and showed herself a successful teacher. There were ten scholars neither absent nor tardy during the term.

The winter term was taught by H. O. Hill.

#### DISTRICT No. 5.

This school was instructed by Miss Carrie V. Whitney. At our first visit there was much disorder. Subsequent visits showed a marked improvement on this subject. The final examination was creditable to teacher and pupils.

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

The first term was taught by Miss N. Medora Clement. This was Miss Clement's first experience as a teacher, and she showed herself well fitted by disposition and education to fill that important position.

Miss Ella A. White, teacher during the fall term, gave good satisfaction, and under her instruction the scholars made excellent progress.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

The prudential committee secured the services of Miss Lois J. Wadsworth as teacher for the first term. Miss Wadsworth knows how to teach, and under her instruction this school made rapid progress. Order was excellent, and the recitations showed a thorough knowledge of the ground passed over. The punctuality in attendance, on the part of the scholars, is praiseworthy.

Miss Delia L. Preston, teacher for the second term, did her work well. Owing to the length of the term and the severity of the weather, many of the scholars were absent the last part of the term.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.

The teacher of last year, Miss Mary Coolidge, was reengaged, and kept the school this year. Miss Coolidge did not pay sufficient attention to order; otherwise her work was satisfactory. Her course with the reading classes is especially commended.

#### DISTRICT No. 9.

The work of Miss Lucy M. Morse in this school, during the year, has been highly creditable to her as a teacher. The school was always in order, and the recitations prompt, and made in a way that showed an understanding of the ground gone over.

#### DISTRICT No. 11.

Miss Hattie Ring, teacher. Fair progress has been made in this school during the year. The teacher worked faithfully and with good results. The order was good.

#### DISTRICT No. 12.

The fact that Miss Mary A. Morse has just completed the third year of her connection with this school, in the capacity of teacher, shows that her work is approved by the district. When visited, the school was orderly and the recitations good. Several of the scholars are pursuing advanced studies.

In addition to the preceding brief report on the districts in detail, a few remarks on the condition and wants of the schools will now be appropriate.

The teachers of the past year have, in general, done their work well. Many of them were teachers of experience, in this and other towns. Several had taught before in the same districts. Here we expected and found the best results. The new teachers were all earnest in their endeavors to promote the welfare of their respective schools, and met with a fair degree of success. The practice of assisting scholars in recitation, by putting leading questions, is too prevalent. Each member of a class, in reciting, should have a whole idea, and be able, without help, to express it. Good order is one of the essentials of a successful school. This truism has been forgotten in a few of our schoolrooms. That is the best teacher who can stimulate her scholars to do the most for themselves. It is work that wins in the school-room, as well as in the active business of life. Therefore, let each scholar be taught to rely upon his own efforts, and the lesson will benefit him ever afterwards.

Parents should see to it that their children are supplied with text-books of the series adopted for use in the schools of the town. This is of the utmost importance. Without uniformity of text-books a school cannot be so classified as to give the best results, and the teacher's time is occupied in hearing many classes on the same subjects.

Illustrative apparatus and books of reference are needed in every school in town. It is recommended that each district see that its school is supplied with a set of wall-maps and a dictionary, at least. A globe and a set of geometrical blocks in each school would be a great help to the teacher in illustrating geography and arithmetic.

The appropriation of the railroad tax to school purposes has given longer schools than usual. The past year there have been  $278\frac{3}{5}$  weeks of school. In 1876 there were 248 weeks, and in 1875, 236 weeks. An annual appropriation, in addition to the school tax required by law, and a more equal distribution of the school money, would add much to the efficiency of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY O. HILL,
School Committee.

Derry, Feb. 26, 1878.

Prudential Committee.	Edward L. Jones. Edward L. Jones. Edward L. Jones. Mary G. Carr. Mary G. Carr. John T. Folsom. John T. Folsom. Mark F. Hill. Charles A. Nowell. Charles A. Nowell. Washington Evans. Otis A. Drew. Otis A. Drew. James E. Morrill. James E. Hill.
Amount of school money.	\$389 66 483 12 104 05 177 14 101 44 99 98 212 18 250 31 155 20 1194 34 118 06
No. of Average scholars. attendance.	9, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2,
No. of scholars.	28 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
Length of term in weeks.	9 10 10 10 11 11 11 11 12 15 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16
Wages per month.	
Teachers.	Fannie M. Webster. Fannie M. Webster. Joseph W. Bean. Lucinda T. Carlton Lucinda T. Carlton Anna F. Choate. Carrie V. Whitney. N. Medora Clement. Ella A. White. Lois J. Wadsworth. Delia L. Preston. Mary Coolidge. Mary Coolidge. Mary Coolidge. Lucy M. Morse. Lucy M. Morse. Lucy M. Morse. Lucy M. Morse. Hattie F. Ring. Hattie F. Ring. Mary A. Morse. Hattie F. Ring.
Dist. No.	11119999884477699777888899911191

The whole number of children in town, between 4 and 17 years of age, by the enumeration made in April, 1877, is 335. The number of children, 4 years old and upwards, that have attended the common schools in this town, two weeks at least, during the past year, is 290. The average daily attendance for the year is 234, or a fraction over .80 of the number of scholars registered.







